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Title: **CLOSURE DEVICE FOR A CONTAINER MADE OF LAMINATED  
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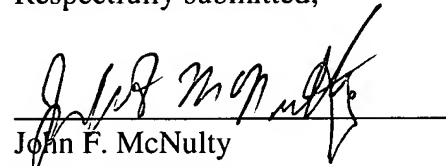
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(AA) **WO 03002419, dated June 10, 2002.** The WO 03002419 application is relevant in that the piercing element comprises at least two cutting elements, which are offset with respect to each other by an end of set angle ( $\alpha$ ) between 100° and 180° one behind the other, such that upon

rotation of the piercing element about the said angle, a contiguous cutting line extending over 2a is obtained, whereupon the remaining, not yet cut section is subjected to a pushing element(34, 35, 38) pushing the partly cut webs (circular disc) out of the area of the pouring spout (20). A copy of this document is enclosed herewith.

**(AB) EP 1396435, dated March 10, 2004.** EP 1396435 was published in English, so it is believed that no further explanation is necessary. A copy of this document is enclosed herewith.

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	AA	WO 03002419	6/10/2002	INTERNATIONAL				
	AB	EP 1396435	03/10/2004	EUROPE				

**OTHER DOCUMENTS** *(Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)*


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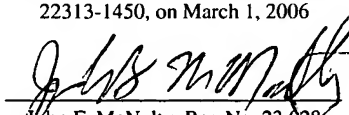
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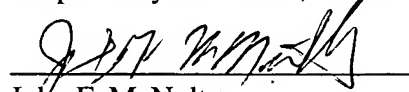
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Enclosed and attached hereto are the following documents:

- (1) Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (2 attachments);
- (2) PTO form 1449;
- (3) Cover Letter with Certificate of Mailing, and
- (4) Paul & Paul postcard to be returned by PTO.

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